

Across The Sea (Puppet Play)



The Play

This is a non-verbal musical puppet performance for children aged 4 +. Across the Sea, as the title suggests, is about an adventure that takes a baby penguin from Antarctica across the sea to Africa. In this journey the baby penguin meets many new & strange creatures, and makes friends fearlessly and without judgment. This is a story of friendship between diverse people in today's global world. This play addresses issues like being separated from family, adjustments and being free of prejudice and judgment. It celebrates diversity, differences and the spirit of childhood.

Director's Note

This piece was created over a month of devising with the actors of TIE (Theatre-in-Education) Company. The story of a little lost creature emerged and became the story of a lost penguin baby, separated from his family but determined to survive and make new friends. The story emerged in pieces as the actors responded to stimuli like story-telling without words, playing with material and with different forms of puppetry. The little penguin has all the qualities of little children, and lives their fantasies of travel and adventure while learning about Africa and Antarctica. We hope that with this play would make the children in the audience fall a bit in love with theatre and puppets.

The Director

Anurupa Roy is a Puppeteer, Puppet Designer & Director. She has trained at the Marionette Teatern, Dramatiska Institute, University of Stockholm, and at the Scoula De La Marionette. In 1998 she started Katkatha Puppet group which was registered as the Katkatha Puppet Acts Trust in 2006. Anurupa has been an artist-in-residence at Rote Fabrik, Zurich; APPEX, Bali,

Indonesia; University of California, Los Angeles; Deutches Forum for Figunrenteater, Germany; and Charleville Mezeires, France. She is a recipient of the Bismilla Khan Yuva Puraskar (SNA) 2006.

The Group

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Cast & Credits

Baby Penguin	Soumita Kundu
Penguin's Parents	Aparna Kapoor, Manoj Sharma
Penguin	Manoj Kumar, Nidhi, Mahesh, Soumita, Manoj Sharma, Aparna, Mridul, Jayotsna
Egg	Soumita, Jyoti Bala, Piyush
Fish	Manoj Sharma, Aparna, Mridul, Nidhi

Ants	Aparna, Mahesh, Jyoti, Piyush
Ostrich	Aparna, Mahesh
Giraffe	Tasabber, Nidhi, Mridul, Manoj Sharma
Flamingo	Jyotsna, Piyush, Aparna, Jyoti, Kaleem, Mahesh
Crab	Manoj Kumar
Baby Elephant	Tasabber Ali
Crocodile	Nidhi S Shashtri
Bird	Jyoti Bala
Mother Elephant	Jyotsna, Mahesh, Kaleem
Hunter	Mridul
Tourist	Manoj Sharma, Aparna
Mountain & Water Set-Up	Tasabber, Piyush, Manoj Kumar, Jyoti, Mahesh
Shadow	Jyotsna, Piyush
Light Operation	Meeta Mishra
Light Assistant	Dhirendra
Music Operation	Vikramjeet Singh
Stage Manager	Tasabber Ali
Director	Anurupa Roy
Chief of TIE Co.	Abdul Latif Khatana

Crossings : Exploring the facets of Lady Macbeth

The Play

Four performers represent the facets of Lady Macbeth, in constant conflict, to create a fluid performance, bringing together elements of Indian classical dance, movement, the original text of Macbeth, Hindustani classical, folk and tribal music.

Crossings mirrors the journey of Lady Macbeth through Shakespeare's original play. She receives a letter from Macbeth telling her of his encounter with three witches who foretell that he will be King. This plants the idea of killing King Duncan in Lady Macbeth's mind to further her husband's ambition. Battling her own conscience and femininity, she plans and executes a gruesome murder. She is consequently haunted by the images of blood even as she plays a gracious hostess at the coronation banquet where the guests become suspicious of the truth. Bereft of support and company from her equally guilt-ridden husband, her world crumbles towards a lingering death.

Director's Note

Poetry, lyricism, allegory, metaphor, repetition, imagery, rhythm, representation, symbolism – all imbue both Shakespeare and classical dance. Lady Macbeth is arguably Shakespeare's most complex and layered female character. When I watched a Schezuan Opera actress in a riveting solo rendition of the character, I asked – could one interpret Lady Macbeth through Indian classical dance?

We embarked on this remarkable journey in December 2003, with text, music, movement and design responding to each another in a myriad different ways, encountering parallels in Indian mythology and iconography, finding fresh possibilities in rendering both text and dance. The performance, as it stands

today, has been distilled through several versions since the first workshop production in April 2004, and presents Lady Macbeth in all her magnificent complexity.

The Director

Vikram Iyengar is a dancer, choreographer, theatre director, performing arts researcher, writer and curator based in Calcutta. He is the co-founder and artistic director of Ranan and project initiator of The Pickle Factory – a hub for dance and movement work. Noted for the conscious bringing together of kathak dance, movement, spoken drama and design, his production work spans choreography for stage and film, dance and theatre explorations, and performance collaborations. His international credits include co-choreography with Helena Waldmann for the Faust Prize nominated Made in Bangladesh. He also works regularly with contemporary choreographer Preethi Athreya. He was the co-editor of India Theatre Forum's web-based e-Rang from 2009 to 2015, and is a guest lecturer/presenter at several universities in India and abroad. He is an ARThink South Asia Arts Management Fellow (2013-2014) and Global Fellow of the International Society for the Performing Arts (ISPA), 2017. A member of Kick Start – an international platform for arts entrepreneurs, Vikram is currently one of the four Asian participants in the International Arts Leaders programme of the Australia Arts Council. He was awarded the Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar for contemporary dance by the Sangeet Natak Akademi in December 2015.

The Group

Ranan is a kathak-based performance company with the express desire to demystify classical dance and make it accessible and enjoyable for a range of audiences. Its work is committed to sharing the magic of the arts, and spans three areas: practice, production, promotion. The group works with kathak dancers, actors, and designers, creating connections between different performance languages, and keeping kathak at the centre of our experiments.

Cast & Credits

Created With / Performers Anubha Fatehpuria

Dana Roy

Debashree Bhattacharya

Jayati Chakraborty

Original Music and Vocal Nageen Tanvir

Percussion Siddhartha Bhattacharyya

Stage and Costume Design Vikram Iyengar

Lighting Design Sudip Sanyal

Production Amlan Chaudhuri

Concept, Design, Direction Vikram Iyengar

Badi Bua Ji



The Play

Set in the 1960's, this play moves from comic relief to comic relief...! The relief, however, one shall realize, is from the rather serious determination and steadfast passion that a fairly large crowd of young theatre enthusiasts nurtures in its attempt to stage a play that is meant to open in two days' time. Their dream of doing well is hindered by an aged matron who also happens to be the aunt of the heroine of the play. Theatre or no theatre, acting or no acting, lies or no lies, this generation or that generation – you shall join these dilemmatic crossroads with the characters of the play to partake in a roller coaster ride of love, unity, traditions and passion for the stage. And yes...they finally staged the play successfully!

Director's Note

Can a language have what has come to be called 'purity'? Is accent a part of one's identity or does it exists outside an individual's personality, therefore demanding avoidance, removal, extermination? Is language necessary for communication, to build one's identity? Our body carries its culture with it – a fact that no one can escape. I wanted to incorporate our multifarious cultural codes entwining and entangling with each other within the context of the play. Dealing with this concern seemed exciting and through the process a *Garbha Nataka* i.e. a play within a play, could generate. You shall find, like in our lives, that many events take place simultaneously throughout the play. This simultaneity is what I see as an important characteristic emerging within my performance-making process. The structure of the play, and the structure of the space-design for the play, both carry strong threads of simultaneity. Do not be disturbed by it! One does not get to witness everything happening around one's life! Maybe, one does not need to.

Let's be as realistic as possible! So... Lights, Sound, Make-Up, Costume ... Action...!

The Director

Sagnik Chakraborty has done the three-year diploma course with specialization in Design and Direction from National School of Drama, New Delhi. He has been an active theatre worker from Siliguri, West Bengal. Now he is working as a freelance designer and director.

The Playwright

Badal Sircar was a dramatist and theatre director from Bengal. He was the founder of Shatabdi, a theatre company founded in 1976. His plays *Ebong Indrajit*, *Basi Khabar* and *Saari Raat* are regarded as classics and are timeless. He was awarded the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award in 1968, Padmashri in 1972, and the Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowship in 1997. His real name was Sudhindra Sircar, and he was born on July 15, 1925 in Kolkata. Badal studied Engineering and Literature. His earlier works were comedies, and later he wrote on serious subjects. After writing the landmark play *Ebong Indrajit*, he wrote a series of extraordinary plays like *Baaki Itihaas* (1965), *Pralap* (1966), *Tringsha Shatabdi* (1966), *Pagla Ghoda* (1967), and *Shesh Naai* (1969).

The Group

This play is being presented as a part of National School of Drama's graduate showcase (class of 2017), which aims to provide a platform for emerging theatre practitioners, allowing them to share their work with a wider audience.

Cast & Credit

Badi Buaji	Rukmini Sircar
Yogin	Manohar Pandey
Anu	Suman Purty
Shambhu	Vivek Emmaneni
Nitai Da	Niranjan Nath
Phuphaji	Rohit Jain
Ananth	Abhinav Lucky Pateriya
Pratima	Jina Baishya
Munni	Pallavi Jadho
Dhruvesh	Lanuakam
Shashaank	Ujjawal Yadav
Mr. Sen	Baljeet Singh
Mrs. Sen	Swati Dubey
Girl	Abhilasha B. Paul
Set Design	Sagnik Chakraborty
Light Design	Ujjawal Yadav
Operation	Aruja Srivastava
Music Composition Pateriya	Sayan Chakraborty, Abhinav Lucky
Lyrics Chkraborty,	Divyangana Sharma, Sayan

Vocal
Chattopadhyay

Shruti Sahu, Sukanya

Lanuakam, Sayan

Chkraborty

Percussion

Sayan Sarkar

Sound Engineer

Sukanya Chattopadhyay

Costume Assistance

Goge Bam

Stage Manager

Greeney Francis, Debarati Sikdar

Playwright

Badal Sircar

Translator

Pratibha Agarwal

Director

Sagnik Chakraborty

KARTIK? !



The Play & Director's Note

This play has a storyline that could have been based on tomorrow morning's newspaper headlines. Using the wonderful theatrical device of three actors playing the central character of Kartik, we are able to enter his fractured world. We simultaneously see him as he was before the accident that changed his life; we also see him as he is immediately after the accident, recovering in hospital, at home and in school; as well as when he is an adult. The play brings together the present, past and future in a seamless whole. It has been a fascinating journey with the actors and my own team. We have interviewed teenagers, their parents and teachers; watched their interactions in school, home and on the metro; created improvisations; spent hours mastering the intricate choreography; enjoyed the shopping for clothes that capture today's Delhi; and worked hard at creating over 36 characters, played by just 14 actors!

The Director

Educationist, theatre director and activist, Feisal Alkazi lives and works in New Delhi. Over the past forty years he has carved his own niche with his group, Ruchika. He has directed over 200 plays with adults in Hindi, English and Urdu. Most recently, two plays, *Noor* and *A Quiet Desire*, written by him have been produced. In addition, he has directed over 100 productions for schools all over India. Ruchika also runs a training program in theatre for children since 1997. Feisal has written 24 books as well and is a counsellor with Sanjivani. In the field of disability, he has directed 30 films and produced several plays.

The Group

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Cast & Credits

Sutradhar Kartik
Kumar

Manoj

Old Kartik, Gym Teacher, Shashank

Manish Saini

New Kartik

Mridul Anand

Mummy

Aparna Kapoor

Papa, Changezi, Bhaiji

Mahesh Kumar

Raghav

Manoj Sharma

Himanshu, New Dancer

Tasabber Ali

Nancy

Jyoti Bala

Doctor Fatima, Rubina, Announcer

Jyotsana

Inspector, Nurse1

Nidhi S

Sasthri

Anshika, Nurse2, Vicky

Soumita Kundu

Anthony, Shiny

Piyush

Verma

Drug Peddler, Teacher

Kaleem Zafar

All Street Voices & Dancers

Jyotsana ,

Aparna Kapoor, Soumita Kundu, Piyush Verma,

Mahesh Kumar, Manoj Sharma, Nidhi S Sasthri

Choreographer

Vishwa

Kant Singha

Assisted by

Sandeep Kashyap

Costume Design Shaik
Sheeba Assisted by Jyotsana

Set, Poster & Brochure Design Jagan
Shah Assisted by Kamal Kumar

Light Design Mona
Chawla Assisted by Joginder Singh, Dhirender Kumar

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Music Operation
Sheel/Vikram Jeet Singh

Stage Manager & Property Nidhi S. Sasthri

Tailor
Saroj Silswal, Akhtar Ali

Sound S.
Manoharn, Pratap Singh, Subhanjan

Photography & Videography Deepak Kumar

Assistant TIE Co. B.S
Rawat

Administration Staff Pirat Singh
Negi, Darmiyan Singh, Shailender Kumar,

Neha Bhatt

Attendant Md.
Rashid, Pawan Kumar

Chief of TIE Co. Abdul Latif
Khatana

Asst. Director Mona Chawla

Translation & Adaptation

Kiran Deep Sharma

Design & Direction

Feisal Alkazi

Paule Chalati Pandharichi Vaat



The Play

Vari, a religious procession, has mesmerized the whole Maharashtra for the past 800 years. It is a valuable treasure of Maharashtrian culture. It is not only a celebration but also underlines the human progress, cultural and religious

overflow, and gives us universal energy. It also symbolizes religious humanism, unity, and brother-hood, and gives us experience of stress-free life with self-discipline and physical fitness. Due to today's stress-full life, competition and rat race, it is difficult for an individual to participate in *Vari*, and experience the sublimity. Keeping the same in mind we have planned this *Vari Natya* (Vari through drama/play) so the audience can experience this procession from Alandi to Pandharpur.

Director's Note

Vari Natya is a celebration that points out the vices in human nature and gives a social message.

It makes you realize the importance of going to Pandharpur once in a life time. After viewing the play everyone will carry the grandeur and the positive attitude of varkaris. They have the potential to keep themselves content in any condition with their and peace of mind. Though Pandurang is the God of suppressed/down trodden class, our play will highlight their richness and importance too. Our play is a revolution for new generation to be one with the tradition, worship, unity, diversity and the immersion of *Vari*.

The Director & Co-Playwright

Dr. Sandeep Mane, despite working with the Government also manages Karmbhumi drama

at Kashil, Satara district. He has also worked with Saraswati Theatres to provide recognition to the

rural districts' performers. He has managed various plays at Shahapur, Thane, Panvel, Raigad

and many other places in and around Mumbai. He is the co-writer & director for *Paule Chalati Pandharichi Vaat*.

The Playwright

Paule Chalati Pandharichi Vaat (A million steps heading towards the abode of God in Pandharpur) is a

Vari Natya (Musical performance of a Theatrical Play). We are leaping towards 21st century with the wings of novelty and modern thinking, in a fast paced life. Progress in life is evident when we follow such virtues and vices, especially in a modern day society which is under stress. While we move ahead towards progress we may also get stuck like a stick in mud, with social insecurities and incurable diseases of mind and body. Keeping this in mind Joy Kalamanch and Saraswati Theatre joined hands to produce and present *Paule Chalati Pandharichi Vaat*.

Cast & Credits

Kirtankar	Suresh Chauhan
Gojakka	Sulbha Jadhav
Mann	Mangesh Kasekar
Mukta	Sayli Kajdodkar
Vinekari	Madhu Shinde
Shantakka	Sneha Paradkar
Rukmani	Archana Jagtap
Vitthal	Sachin Gajmal
Co- artists	Komal Kasare, Kajal Kasare, Tejal

Kasare

Madhuri Gayakwad,

Aankanksha Rakde,

Krutika Kambde, Ruchita

Dongre,

Shefali Sawant, Monika

Vayal, Rajesh Vadunj,

Prakash Bhagat, Vikas Kot,

Aakash Rajguru,

Prashant Dawde, Pradeep

Jadhav, Pravin Kadam,

Sailesh Godpade, Vishwanath

Chandorkar,

Rohan Kasare, Somesh

Palande

Set & Lights Design

Sunil Devdekar

Lyrics

Shashank Kondilkar &

Mohan Samant

Music

Datta Thite

Choreographer

Sachin Gajmal

Make-up

Aniket Kadokhe & Vaibhav

Parshette

Costume

Master Balwant & Savita

Jethe

Sound

Nilesh Gawde

Setting Boys	Ram Sagre & Team
Lights Equipment	Sayli Lights
Backstage & Gajendra Sapte	Savita Jethe, Rajesh Valunj
Instrument player	Vinay Sawant
Sculptor Aambekar	Srikant Dhalkar & Ratan
Host	Sandeep Vichare
Production Manager	Moiz Tarwadi
Producer Kalamanch)	Joy Nagesh Bhosle (Joy
Concept	Sachin Gajmal

Playwrights Yuvraj Patil & Dr. Sandeep Mane

Director Dr. Sandeep Mane

**A STRAIGHT PROPOSAL by Happy
Ranajit**



The Play

The play covers the life of Mitesh the protagonist of the play, the ups and downs in his life which goes parallel to the ups and downs of the LGBT movement in India. The play unfolds a series of love stories of Mitesh and his relationship with his brother and father which bring out the several problems in gay community. A secret life and a mysterious death of Mitesh in this play are not just incidents they become metaphors for us.

Director's Note

The pink triangle was one of the Nazi concentration camp badges, used to identify male prisoners who were sent there because of their homosexuality. We all condemn Hitler for his deeds. The play speaks about the problems and possibilities of LGBT (Lesbian Gay Bisexual and Transgender) culture in India in current political scenario in India. It's about a man who

is in constant search of a committed relationship and who wants to live with dignity. Each scene of this play is a portion of diary of an imaginary character Mitesh. Each page of the diary is related to the moment of LGBT in India, an article number of IPC which makes every act of an individual a crime in some or the other way.

A story of one diary, four love stories, one phone call, four days of love, one promise, four lovers and one gun.

The Playwright & Director

Happy Ranajit started working in theatre since his childhood at Odisha and after completing masters in science, he joined NSD and successfully completed his degree with specialization in acting in 2008. He has acted in more than 60 plays with many eminent directors like Ram Gopal Bajaj, Amal Allana, Anuradha Kapur, Tripurari Sharma, Anamika Haksar, Abhilash Pillai, K.S Rajendran, Dilip Shankar, David Freeman and Powel Miskinviz. In 2010, he participated in the physical theatre workshop by theatre ZAR, Poland.

Apart from acting, he also conducts acting workshops, writes and directs plays. He has written and directed following plays – *Familiar Strangers*, *Moth*****er*, *Hangover*, *Love ka Overdose*, *Wizard of Numbers* *Genuine Liars*, *A Straight Proposal*, *Ward No. 30*, *Bhagyashree ka MMS Dekha Kya*. Out of which *Familiar Strangers* and *Genuine Liars* got published recently in one book called “Strangers and Liars”

He got the best actor award at Mahindra theatre awards 2010 for his performance in *Roop Aroop*. He also won the best actor award at the international GATS theatre festival for the play *Richard III* at Beijing, China. He has received the Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar by Sangeet Natak Akademy for acting for the year 2012.

The Group

Established in 2010 and got registered in 2012 by a group of young artists. Unicorn Actors' Studio is set with a purpose to give platform to ideas, new thoughts and experimental performances. The group focuses on evolving new texts, new language of performances, collaborative works and performances on a regular basis. The group has produced two plays so far such as Ernest Hemmingway's *The Old Man and the Sea* and Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliette*. *Familiar Strangers* is the third and latest production of this group. The group has travelled in many parts of India and has conducted acting workshops.

Cast and Credits

Mitesh Shankar	Dilip
Dhruv Joshi	Teekam
Amar Goel	Nitin
Kranti Bajwa	Yuvraj
Turag Kaifi	Junaid
Amitesh Shankar	Shaurya
Colonel Bakshi	Ashok Dhawan
Pink Boys	Vaibhav Raj, Aditya Sinha, Anjeet

Tushir, Aman Sood.

Harshvardhan Chaturvedi

Lights Happy Ranajit

Sound Design Sandy Singh

Sound Operation Akshay Sharma

Video Projection Akash Mahamana

Costumes Anupriya Bhagat

Choreography Gilles Chuyan

Property Deepanand

Backstage Lucky

Production Sachin kumar

Stage Manager Mohit Raj Saxena

Asst. Director Gauri Dewal

Playwright & Director Happy Ranajit

KHAMOSHI SILI SILI by Joseph

Stein



The Play

This play is a translation of *Fiddler on the Roof* written by Joseph Stein. It is a musical that deals with the displacement of communities. The story is neatly bound to the Kashmiri situation in our country. Prithvi Nath loves his daughters, and goes against the traditional norms, allowing them to marry men of their choice. Shuhul, the third daughter chooses to marry a Muslim...

Director's Note

Going along with the central theme of the play, the contemporary situation of our society took the forefront. The final situation chosen is the plight of the Kashmiri Pandit community. This choice is to support the script with a

relevant social background which can be projected on a larger canvas, and can highlight the pain and problems of the people who have been displaced from their own land.

The Director

Suresh Sharma did PG diploma with specialization in Acting from National School of Drama in 1985.

In 1987-88 he established the only non-government Repertory in the district of Mandi (Himachal Pradesh). From 1996-98 he worked as the Artistic Director of Sri Ram Centre for Performing Arts, Delhi. In 1998 he established the first non-government fully residential Theatre Academy in Mandi, Himachal Pradesh. Mr. Sharma has been felicitated by Sahitya Kala Parishad. Sangeet Natak Academy awarded *Mohana*, a play written and directed by him, under the Young Director's Scheme.

The Playwright

Joseph Stein (May 30, 1912 – October 24, 2010) was an American playwright best known for writing the books for the musicals *Fiddler on the Roof* and *Zorba*. His greatest success came from writing the book for the 1964 musical play *Fiddler on the Roof*, for which he won three major awards, including two Tonys.

The Translator

A playwright, actor and director of great repute, Asif Ali Haider Khan obtained a PG diploma with specialization in Acting from Nation School of Drama. Later, he worked with NSD Repertory Company as an actor for many years. He received the

Sangeet Natak Academy's Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar for playwriting in the year 2006. Currently, he is teaching Modern Indian Drama at National School of Drama, New Delhi.

The Group

Established in 1964 with only four members, the Repertory Company is the regular performing wing of the School. It was set up with the dual purposes of establishing professional theatre on one hand and continuing with regular experimental work on the other.

Cast & Credits

Prithvinath Zutshi	Shanawaz Khan
Jungaash Mandal	Shruti Mishra/ Sampa
Shuhul	Aparajita Dey
Sheen	Sukhinjeet Kaur
Nonika	Rukmini Sircar
Himaal	Aparna Menon
Didda	Bornali Borah
Leelawati Mishra	Sampa Mandal/ Shruti
Shambhunath	Deep Kumar
Gaffara	Sikandra Kumar
Bakshi Singh (Kikka)	Rajib Kalita

Brijlal Raju Roy	Niranjana Nath /
Rajguru Babasaheb	Dhutamal Ravi
Policeman	Vivek Emmaneni
Somnath	Mazibur Rehman
Badrinath	Naveen Singh Thakur
Paadshah Thorat	Siddheshwar Kashinath
Makkhan Lal	Raghvendra Pratap Singh
Krishanpir	Mahendra Singh
Firdous	Mohan Lal Sagar
Grandmother	Shruti Mishra / Sampa Mandal
Chorus Kadir Shah,	Moti Lal Khare, Abdul
Thakur, Md.Suleman,	Naveen Singh
Bisht, Naresh Kumar,	Dharam Singh
Menon	Mazibur Rehman
Male	Bijja Aparna
Male-1	Naveen Singh Thakur
Male-2	Naresh Kumar
	Mazibur Rehman

Kukka	Raju Roy/Niranjana Nath
Woman-1	Sukhinjeet Kaur
Woman-2 Mandal	Shruiti Mishra / Sampa
Male-1	Dharam Singh Bisht
Male-2	Pradeep Aggarwal
Set Design	Bansi Kaul
Set, Props Execution	Rajesh Bahl
Set Execution Singh, Manoj Kumar	Ram Pratap, Dharam
Light Design & Operation	Govind Singh Yadav
Assistance Pradeep Aggarwal	Md. Suleman,
Costume Design	Kirti V. Sharma
Assistance Vishwakarma	Pushpa
Costume in-charge	Budh Ram
Chief Costume Coordinator	C.S. Bhatia
Assistance	Parvati Bisht
Sound Operation	Mukesh Kumar
Sound & Music Recording	S. Manoharan, Subhanjan
Property Design	Suresh Sharma
Property in-charge	Motilal Khare

Music	Kajal Ghosh
Tabla & Dholak	Om Prakash
Octopad	Narender Kumar
Harmonium	Naveen Singh Thakur
Tumbkh	Feroz Ahmed
Rabab	Gulam Qadir
Gara	Fearoq Ahmed
Sarangi	Syed Yaseen
Kashmiri Diction	Ashwath Bhatt
Dance Classes	Sonal Modi Vorah
Choreography	Norbu Tshering
Make-up Mishra	Raju Roy, Shruti
Assistance All Repertory Artists	

Playwright	Joseph Stein
Translator	Asif Ali Haider Khan
Director	Suresh Sharma

AKA-NANDUN by Bhawani Bashir Yasir



The Play

The play *Aka-Nandun*, which means 'The Beautiful', is based on a mystic legend, about a Hindu king who has seven daughters but no son. When he gets old he prays for a son who could inherit his kingdom. A jogi comes in his dream and blesses him with a son on the condition that he should name the son Aka-Nandun and promise to return him to the jogi when he is 12 year old.

The son is born, named Aka-Nandun, brought up with royal care, and sent to the royal Pathshala to learn Vedas and Puranas. When he is 12, the saint appears before the king. The king begs the Jogi to take his whole kingdom and wealth, but not his son. The jogi declines and orders the king to slaughter

his son, and orders the queen to cook him for his feast. When the feast is ready, he orders the queen to divide it in 11 plates – eight for ladies, one for the king, one for the saint, and the eleventh for Aka-Nandun. Then he orders the queen to call out for Aka-Nandun to enjoy the feast. The queen calls for Aka-Nandun, who, to the surprise of all, appears. The jogi disappears and all sing the glory of the jogi.

Director's Note

Kashmir has a distinctive culture, based on the fusion of Shiv-mat and Islam, which has given birth to a tolerant, mystic and socio-religious philosophy during the last seven hundred years. And this is mostly known as Kashmiriyat. *Aka-Nandun* is based on a mystic Kashmiri poetic fable, written by mystic poets and endorsed popularly, and which emphasises the highest sacrifice of ones greed, lust, power, ego and worldly luxuries, and submit to the highest authority of the Almighty. The play translates this through the folk format of Daastan with sublime actions, theatrical visuals and traditional music and dance.

The Playwright & Director

Bhawani Bashir Yasir, born at Doru-Shahabad in Anantnag district of Kashmir, is a post-graduate in Kashmiri literature, a renowned Playwright and Theatre Director, who after passing out from National School of Drama, New Delhi in 1987 with distinction in Stage Craft, preferred to go back to his state to institutionalise the theatre of Kashmir on professional standards, in line with Kashmiri sensibilities. He established EKTA in 1988, now internationally recognised as the authentic theatre institution of the state.

The Group

Ensemble Kashmir Theatre Akademi, popularly known as EKTA was founded in 1988 by Bhawani Bashir Yasir after passing out from NSD. EKTA organises a national theatre festival known as Budshah Theatre Festival, in which plays from all regional languages of the state, and special entries from rest of India are also invited. EKTA has participated in many national and international theatre festivals.

Cast & Credits:

King (Ram Gopal)	Bhawani Bashir Yasir
Queen (Sonei Maal) Haseena Sofi	Shaheena Nazir /
Seven Princesses Rukhsana Tantrey,	Nusrat Jalal,
Tabbasum Aslam, Iqra Binti Hassan,	
Naazima Yusuf, Kousar Aejaaz,	
Khushbu Bashir	
	Aka -
Nandun Arhaan Nisar	
Tabeena Manzoor	
The Hermit (Jogi)	Aamir Hussain Mir
Raj-Guru	Farooq Ahmad

Mir

Daastaango Bashir Lone

Chorus (Dancers & Singers)
Hussain,

Nisar Ahmad Rah, Mir Shaukat

Syed

Muzamil Rasool, Asrat Hussain,

Junaid

Ahmad Rather

Harmonium
(Sultanpuri)

Shaukat Bhat

Rabaab

Farooq Ahmad

Saarangi

Mohd. Amin

Dholak/Nout

Tariq Ahmad

Stage Props
& Syed Muzamil

Nisar Ahmad Rah

Costumes
Yasir / Bashir Lone

Bhawani Bashir

Light Design
Bhawani

M. Muzamil Hayat

Production Controller

Gulzar Ganaie

Stage Manager

Mir Shaukat Hussain

Associate Director

M. Muzamil Hayat

Bhawani

Music, Design & Direction

Bhawani Bashir Yasir

THE HOUSE OF USHER by Edgar Allan Poe



The Play

An unnamed protagonist (the Narrator) is summoned to a remote mansion of his boyhood friend, Roderick Usher. Filled with a sense of dread by the sight of the house itself, the Narrator reunites with his old companion, who is suffering from a strange mental illness and whose sister Madeline is near death due to a mysterious disease. The Narrator provides company to

Usher while he paints and plays guitar, spending all his days inside, avoiding the sunlight and obsessing over the sentience of the non-living. When Madeline dies, Usher decides to bury her temporarily in one of his house's large vaults. A few days later, however, she emerges from her provisional tomb, killing her brother while the Narrator flees for his life. The House of Usher splits apart and collapses, wiping away the last remnants of the ancient family.

Director's Note

I have looked at this story as that of a man living with a peculiar psychological state. The house of Usher, the pond, the tree, and everything inside the house, is symbolic of the inmates and their inner struggles. There are many personalities dwelling in the mind of the protagonist. He finds himself psychologically unwell, and to cure himself creates another personality within him to help him come out of this problem. I have tried to present this story as per my interpretation and as per my search.

The Director

Born and brought up in Arunachal Pradesh, Goge has completed her graduation from Donyi Polo Government College, Kamki with Masters in Hindi. She attended a 45-day workshop by Riken Ngomle (NSD graduate) organised by National School of Drama in 2013. She completed her One Year Residential Certificate Course in Dramatic Arts from NSD, STTC in the year 2014. Then she graduated from National School of Drama with specialization in Design and Direction in 2017. She has been actively working on the Folk Tales of Arunachal Pradesh with Riken Ngomle and Tai Tugung.

The Playwright

American writer, poet and critic, Edgar Allan Poe is famous for his tales and poems of horror and mystery, including *The Fall of the House of Usher*, *The Tell-Tale Heart* and *The Raven*. Poe's work as an editor, a poet, and a critic had a profound impact on American and international literature. His stories mark him as one of the originators of both horror and detective fiction. Many anthologies credit him as the "architect" of the modern short story. He was also one of the first critics to focus primarily on the effect of style and structure in a literary work; as such, he has been seen as a forerunner to the "art for art's sake" movement. French Symbolists such as Mallarmé and Rimbaud claimed him as a literary precursor. Baudelaire spent nearly fourteen years translating Poe into French. Today, Poe is remembered as one of the first American writers to become a major figure in world literature.

The Group

This play is being presented as a part of National School of Drama's graduate showcase (class of 2017), which aims to provide a platform for emerging theatre practitioners, allowing them to share their work with a wider audience.

Cast & Credit

Usher	Abhinav Lucky Pateriya
Narrator	Niranjan Nath
Lady Madeline	Suman Purpi

Doctor Rohit Jain

Servant Daood Hussain

Dai, Child Narrator Pallavi Jhadhao

Child Madeline Swati Dubey

Child Usher Lanu Akum

Make-up Pallavi
Jhadhao, Daood Hussain

Sound & Poster brochure Sagnik Chakrabarty

Research &

Script Analysis Karni Singh
Charan

Set Shifting Shubham
Paliwal, Gopal Kumar,

Gonya Bam

Technical in-charge Gurnam Kaiharba

Playwright Edgar Allan Poe

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RAKSH by Daood Hussain

The Play

Ravana, after completing his education, returns home only to find out how King of Devas (Indra), who resides in Devlok (present Iran), is suppressing Danavas and other small communities. Although he doesn't want to become the king of Lanka because his elder brother Kuber is already on the throne, but after getting encouraged by his mother and Sumbhali (His mother's father & and former king of Lanka) he is convinced to become the king. But before that, he travels all over Lanka and defeats all the other kingdoms to preach out the religion of *Raksh* i.e. defence and equality. After the victory he returns to Lanka to claim the throne. One day Tadka, wife of Sund, comes to Ravana's court, seeking for help as their kingdom is under attack from Devas and Aryas. Ravana decides to help her and goes to the battlefield where he confronts King Dashrath. During the fight King Dashrath gets

hurt by Ravana's arrows. As Ravana approaches to kill Dashrath, Kaikayi (Dashrath's wife), comes in between and saves him. Through this battle Ravana warns Devas not to attack on Lanka ever again, or they will have to face Lankeshwar.

Director's Note

Raksh is an effort to revive the story of Ravana in a different perspective.

According to me it was important to show it in a new form in respect of set or costumes.

Idea of the play moves around the idea of human supremacy, hierarchy, believe/disbelief, love, compassion and every other qualities. The word *Raksh* deals with the idea of 'raksh sanskriti' in which Ravana is combining different types of community, tribal civilization etc. to form a new and better community. For him there is nothing like superior or inferior, everyone is equal and devotees of Shiva.

Making this production entertaining has also been a major consideration while working on it.

The Director

Daood Hussain was born on 17th February 1989 in Nainital, Uttrakhand. He started participating in theatre from a very young age under the guidance of his father in a theatre group Yug Manch, acting in several plays. After that he directed few skits, plays like Anton Chekhov's *Girgit*, *Andher Nagri*, *A Day in a School* (Self Written) etc.

He has also been active in town's music band and is known for his music videos and continuous participation in musical programmes and theatre. He graduated from National School of

Drama in the year 2017 and is currently working as a freelancer, organising workshops in several cities and working as a technician with various groups.

The Group

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Cast & Credits

Ravan:	E.Vivek/ Aamir Mallik
Sumali:	Rohit Jain
Prahast:	Aamir Mallik/ Mani Thapar
Sund:	Manohar Pandey
Vritri, Ilbal, Vibhishan:	Parmanand Budhania
Vatapi:	Jeetandra Rajput
Vaishnava:	Mahadev Singh Lakhawat / Chandan Kumar
Pishach:	Sagnik Human
Mandodari:	Rukmini Sircar
Hema: Baishya	Shweta Rani H.K, Babi Baruah, Jeena
Kekasi:	Jina Baishya
Shuparnkha:	Shweta Rani H.K
Tadka:	Babi Baruah

Yaksha

Indra:	Gagan Shrivastava
Kuber:	Niranjana Naath
Dasrath:	Pallav Singh
Dushyant: Jadawat	Somnath Chatterjee/ Bhupendra
Vishwaroopa:	Pallav Singh
Kauberi, Shakuntala:	Meenakshi Thapa
Indrani, Dancer:	Goga Bam
Kekai:	Rachna Gupta

Costume:	Sweety Ruהל
Lights:	Ujjwal Kumar
Sound:	Ajay Khatri
Props:	Mani Thapar
Drums, Vocal:	Vikesh Bisht
Guitar:	Nirmal Khatri
Guitar:	Lanuakam
Nagada, Vocal:	Daood Hussain

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